

WITNESSES UNTO ME

Acts 1: 8

Acts 1:5 10 days

Acts 1:6 Possibly, Mt of Olives.

...restore again the kingdom— disciples didn't understand issue of kingdom.

They believed kingdom literal.

Pentecost--learned spiritual nature of kingdom of God.

You will not be given details about times and seasons for fulfillment of God's divine plan.

Acts 1:7 Disciples understood that Messiah will come twice.

Little, if any, understanding about interval between two comings.

Times: Large periods of time.

Seasons: epochs; features; characteristics of eras and events

Matt 25:21-34 Do not know times or the seasons.

which the Father Father sets times and seasons by own authority

Power: (in the sense of ability); privilege, authority, jurisdiction, liberty, right, strength.

Acts 1:8 Now that learned not within your realm of understanding to know times and seasons --let's talk about right now!

Power: dunamis. Supernatural power.

After that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. Superimposes Himself upon your life. Comes experientially into your lives.

How release power?

- By not grieving Him. Eph 4:30.
- By not quenching Him.
- By yielding to His control Eph 5:18.
- By learning to walk under His control. Gal 5:16

Result of the Holy Spirit's power on our lives: **Witness:** **Key word**

Tells others what seen and heard (Acts 4:19-20).

Expected to tell exactly what heard and seen.

Judge care less about opinion

Wants to hear what know.

Martus: martyr, record.

- Any time Holy Spirit involved--witnessing!

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- Every time Holy Spirit involved--Jesus glorified.
- Spirit-filled Christian always look for opportunities to testify of Christ!

Job description of Comforter? John 16:14 *He shall glorify me:*

Eph 5:18 ... *but be filled with the Spirit;*

Filled: under domination and control

When Holy Spirit prompts me--that testifies of Jesus.

Acts 1:8

1. Jerusalem and Judea Jews

2. Samaria: Mixed breed ... worshipped God and other gods

3. Gentiles: Heathen (non Jews)

And unto the uttermost part of the earth—strategy of missions

Without the Spirit there could be no witnessing for Jesus. Yet without the focus of witnessing for Jesus the power of the Spirit has no purpose. Wherever disciples of Jesus become distracted from their witness for him the power is drained away.

Jesus—compassion for lost. Mat 9:36 Psa 126:6

Paul--debtor to lost. Rom 1:16-17

Prov 28:1 Not consistent with character of God for believer to be spiritual wimp

Acts 1:9 Awesome sight

Acts 1:10 *they looked stedfastly:* kept eyes intensely fixed on Him as ascended

Why Jesus go to heaven?

1. Demonstrate that finished work God gave. John 17:4; 19:30
2. Send Comforter.
3. Be our advocate 1 John 2:1
4. Be our intercessor. Heb 7:25

SO WHAT?

Are you saved?

Is the Holy Spirit in you?

What is the mission of the Holy Spirit?

When you are controlled by the Holy Spirit, what will be your mission?